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1. DOT APPRECIATES EMBASSY EFFORT OBTAIN GOJ REACTION TO DOT PROPOSAL FOR TEAM VISIT RELATED TO SUBJECT RE-COMMENDATIONS OF BINATIONAL REVIEW PANEL. RE JAPANESE QUESTIONING OF TIMING IN LIGHT SEPTEMBER TRP MEETING, EMBASSY MAY WISH POINT OUT THAT PROPOSED DOT VISIT IS EFFORT TO RESPOND IN TIMELY MANNER TO REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THAT TRP MEETING WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECTS HAVING GENUINE COOPERATIVE POTENTIAL IDENTIFIED DURING TEAM VISIT.

2. REF A PARA 1 AND 3(C) DOT MOST INTERESTED IN NEW JAPANESE TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS AND COMMODITY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (READ URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT) BUT PREFERS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFINE PROPOSED TEAM VISIT TO ENERGY-RELATED ITEMS, AND

COVER OTHERS DURING SEPTEMBER TRP.

3. REF A PARA 2 JAPANESE REACTION IS PUZZLING IN LIGHT OF REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS AND OF SPECIALIST JNR

DELEGATION VISIT TO DOT LAST YEAR ON SUBJECT OF UNIT TRAINS. PENDING FURTHER CLARIFICATION BY EMBASSY, DOT ASSUMES JNR OFFICIALS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FULLY BRIEFED.

4. REF A PARA 3(A) US TEAM VISIT COULD BE DEFERRED TO WEEK OF MAY 17.

5. SHOULD WASHINGTON AGENCIES ASSUME FROM REF A THAT GOJ DOES NOT HAVE INTEREST IN DISCUSSING AREA A (REF B PARA 1) IN NEAR FUTURE?

6. REF A PARA 3(B) DOT INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING EXPANDED ROLE OF SCHEDULED, TRAINLOAD/SHIPLOAD LOGISTICAL MOVEMENTS OF BULK MATERIALS FROM THE U.S. TO JAPAN, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE INTERFACE OF RAIL, BULK MASS STORAGE AND MATERIALS HANDLING. EACH OF THESE ITEMS HAS ASSOCIATED WITH IT CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT COSTS, AND OPTIMIZATION CAN RESULT IN MARKED SAVINGS TO USERS. WITH THE GROWING POTENTIAL OF DEEP DRAFT VESSELS, WITH ADVANCES IN UNIT TRAIN TECHNOLOGY AND MATERIALS HANDLING, IT APPEARS THAT A REEXAMINATION OF CURRENT ECONOMICS MAY BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE FOR GOVERNMENT PLANNING PURPOSES. IN ADDITION TO COAL THE APPLICATION OF MASS MOVEMENT TECHNOLOGY TO OTHER BULK COMMODITIES, SUCH AS GRAIN, FERTILIZER AND ORES AND EVEN CONTAINERIZED CARGOES HAS EQUAL POTENTIAL. TEAM WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THESE ITEMS AS ANCILLARY AGENDA ITEM.

7. REF A PARA 3(B) DOT IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING FOLLOWING ITEMS IN AREA OF DEEPWATER PORTS: NUMBER OF EXISTING OFFSHORE MONOBUOYS IN JAPANESE WATERS; DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MONOBOUY ADJACENT PUMPING PLATFORMS, PIPELINE END MANIFOLDS (PLEM'S) AND HOSE CONNECTIONS; CORRELATIONS BETWEEN SCALE OF MONOBOUY DESIGN AND EXTENT OF WINDS, CURRENTS AND SEA HEIGHTS IN WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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MONOBUOYS WILL FUNCTION; ON-SHORE IMPACTS OF PRESENTLY INSTALLED DEEPWATER PORTS (STORAGE FACILITIES, PIPELINE NETWORKS AND REFINERIES); DEGREE, IF ANY, TO WHICH SINGLE-POINT MOORINGS ARE USED FOR EXPORT SHIPMENTS; TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INHERENT IN BURIAL OF CONNECTING PIPELINES TO SHORE; DEFINITION OF PRESCRIBED SAFETY ZONES AROUND EACH OF THE FACILITIES; AND OPERATIONAL METHODS AND CONTROLS ON NAVIGATION OF THE SEAWAYS TO AND

FROM THE INSTALLATIONS. IN ADDITION, DOT SPECIALIST THIS  
AREA WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SOME JAPANESE INSTALLATIONS.

8. REF A PARA 4 DOT NOT YET IN POSITION TO PROPOSE TRP  
AGENDA BUT MAY TEAM VISIT LEADER WOULD BE PREPARED TO  
DISCUSS. KISSINGER

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